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Who's Who

PREVIOUSLY...

THE HEROES ARE ON THE RISE!

After suffering heavy losses at the hands of the evil Dr. Eggman and his Death Egg Mark 2 battle station, Sonic and the Freedom Fighters are no more. In their place now stand two groups: Sonic leads **Team Fighters** abroad to hunt down Eggman and rescue the roboticized Sally Acorn (now known as Mecha Sally), and Rotor's **Team Freedom** is poised to defend the city of New Mobotropolis and the Acorn Kingdom!

After an explosive battle between Team Fighters and Eggman's forces at the Dark Egg Legion base in the Shazamazon Jungle, Sonic and his team are once again in hot pursuit of the dreaded Death Egg Mk2 battle station! This time our heroes are aided by the tracking device Tails was able to install on the giant battle station moments before its take-off!

Meanwhile, former Intelligence Director Harvey Who has been working with Sonic's Uncle Chuck and the exiled A.I. known as Nicole to put together a team of heroes that can do the work "public" heroes can't do.

With his team of **Secret Freedom Fighters** nearly formed, **Director Who** has one more important member to recruit...



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



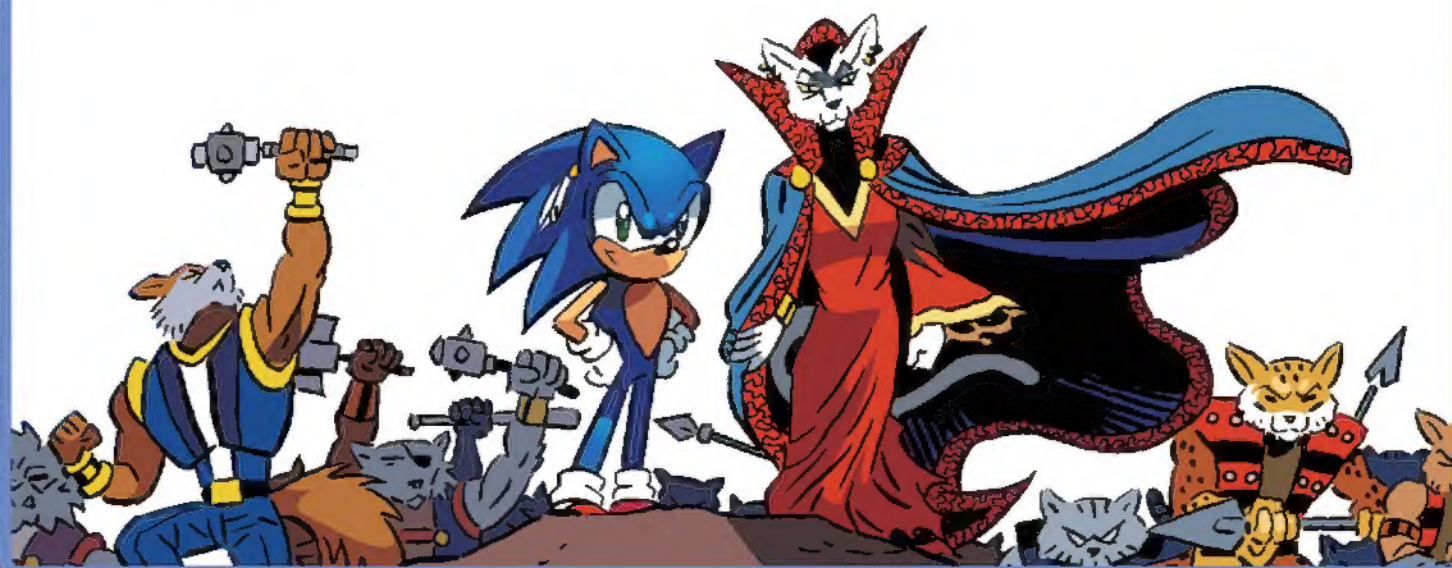
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
SONIC'S BEST FRIEND



AMY ROSE
MAGICAL HAMMER GIRL

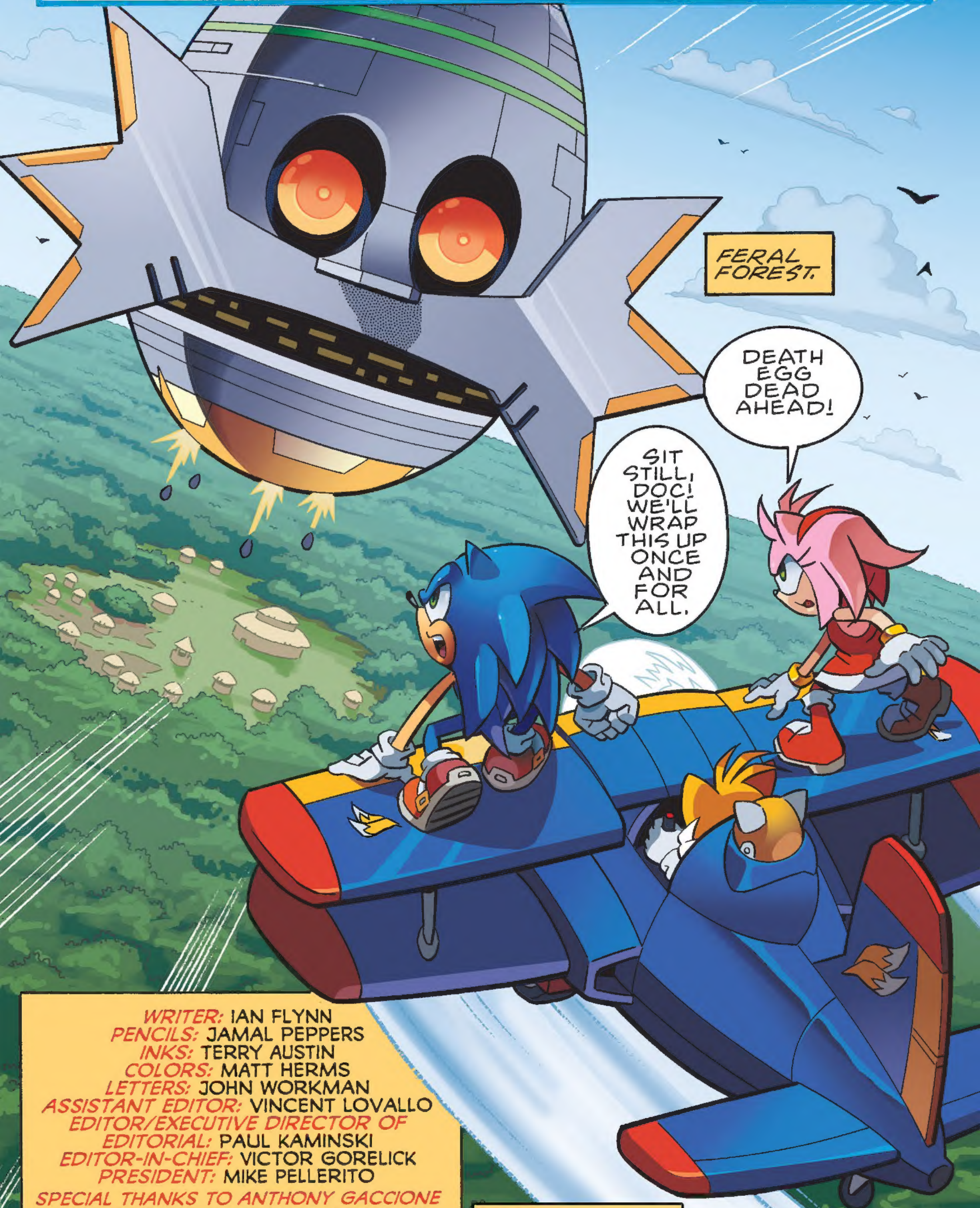


MECHA SALLY
ROBOTICIZED PRINCESS



PRELUDE TO THE SECRET FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARC! (SONIC UNIVERSE #41-44)

HEROES PART ONE: TEAM BUILDING



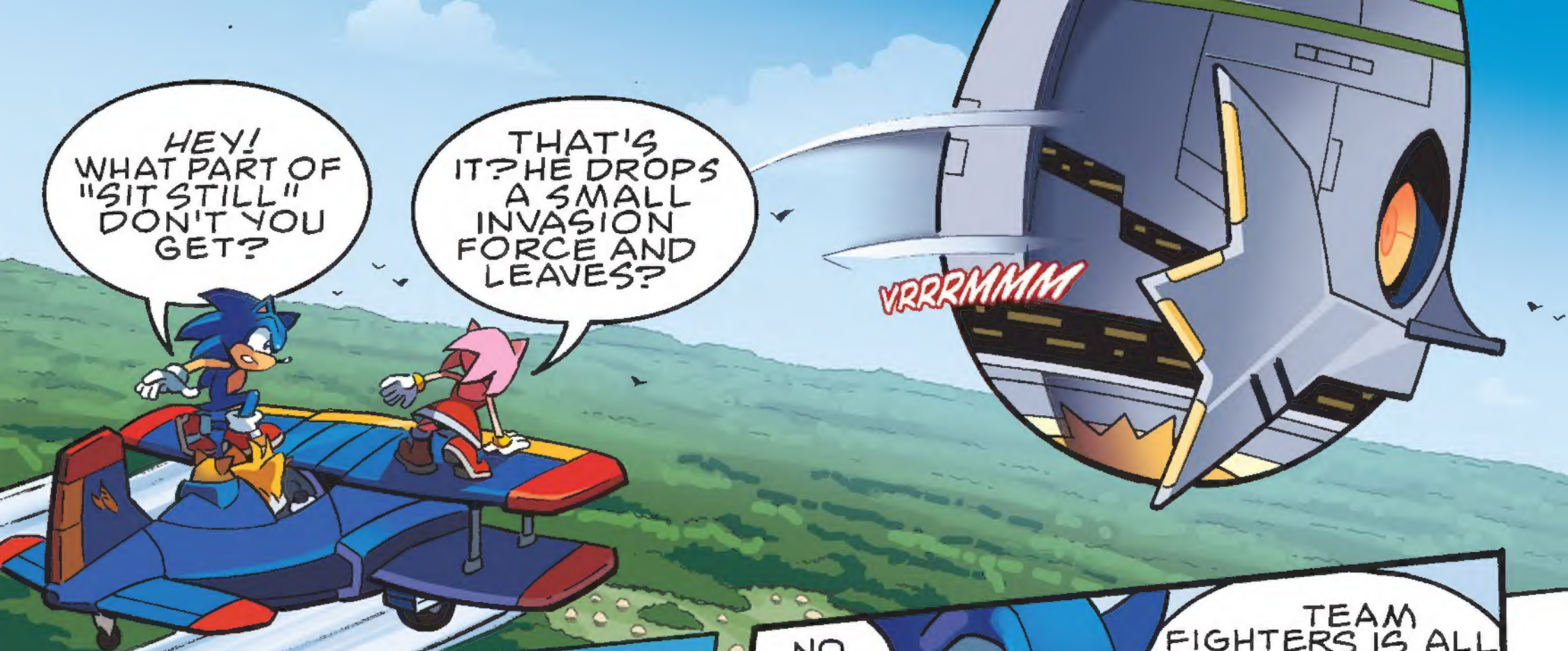
FERAL FOREST.

DEATH EGG DEAD AHEAD!

SIT STILL, DOC! WE'LL WRAP THIS UP ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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HEY!
WHAT PART OF
"SIT STILL"
DON'T YOU
GET?

THAT'S
IT? HE DROPS
A SMALL
INVASION
FORCE AND
LEAVES?

VRRRMMMM

AT ITS
CURRENT TRAJECTORY,
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'LL BE
ATTACKING NEW MOBO-
TROPOLIS AGAIN. DO
YOU WANT ME TO KEEP
FOLLOWING HIM?



NO
WAY!

TEAM
FIGHTERS IS ALL
ABOUT STOPPING
EGGMAN'S
NONSENSE. THE
FOLKS DOWN
THERE NEED US.
ROTOR WILL
HANDLE
THINGS BACK
HOME.

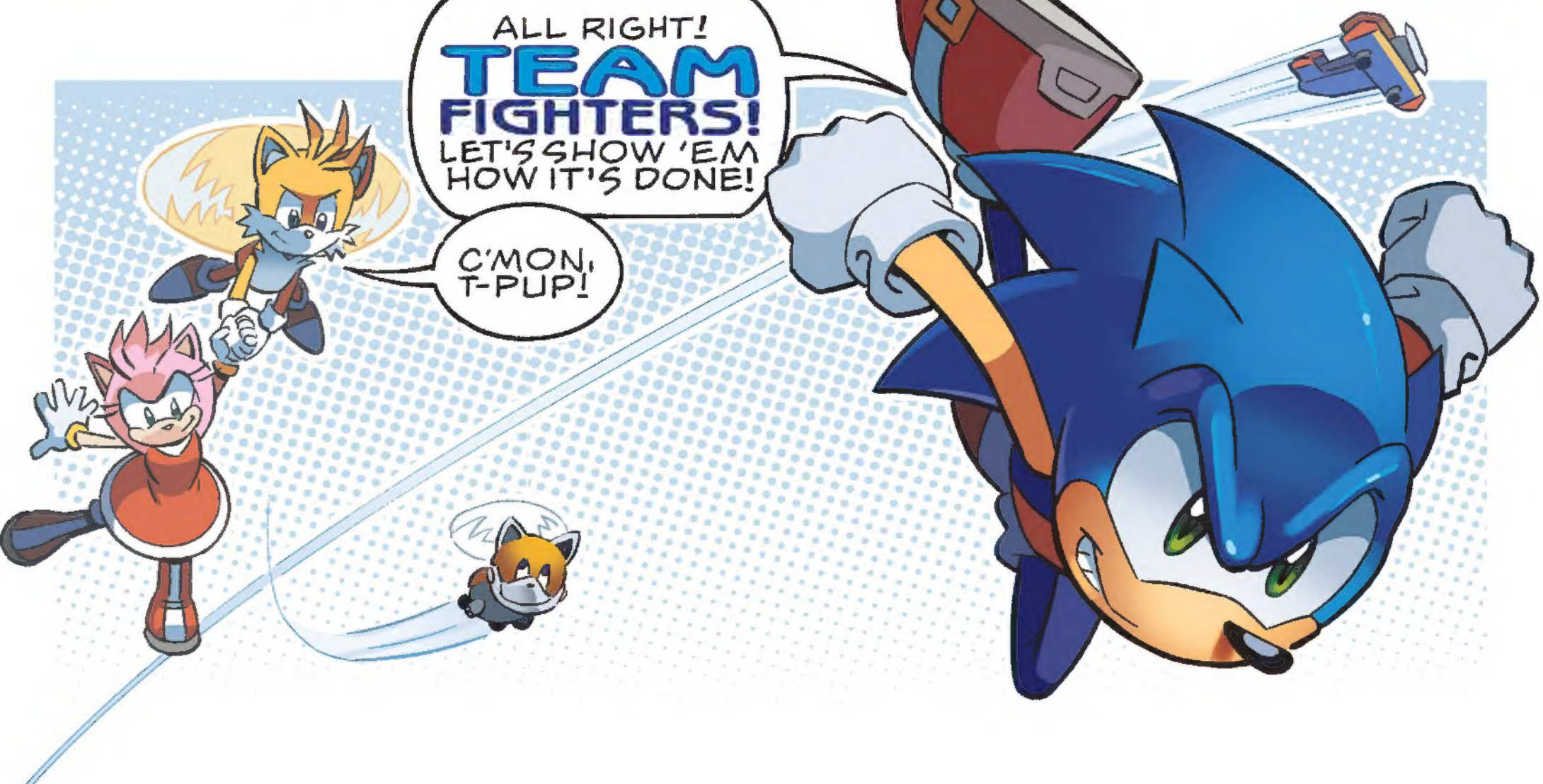
SO PUT THE
TORNADO IN AN AUTO-
PILOT HOLDING PATTERN
AND LET'S DO IT!



YOU
GOT
IT!

ALL RIGHT!
**TEAM
FIGHTERS!**
LET'S SHOW 'EM
HOW IT'S DONE!

C'MON,
T-PUP!

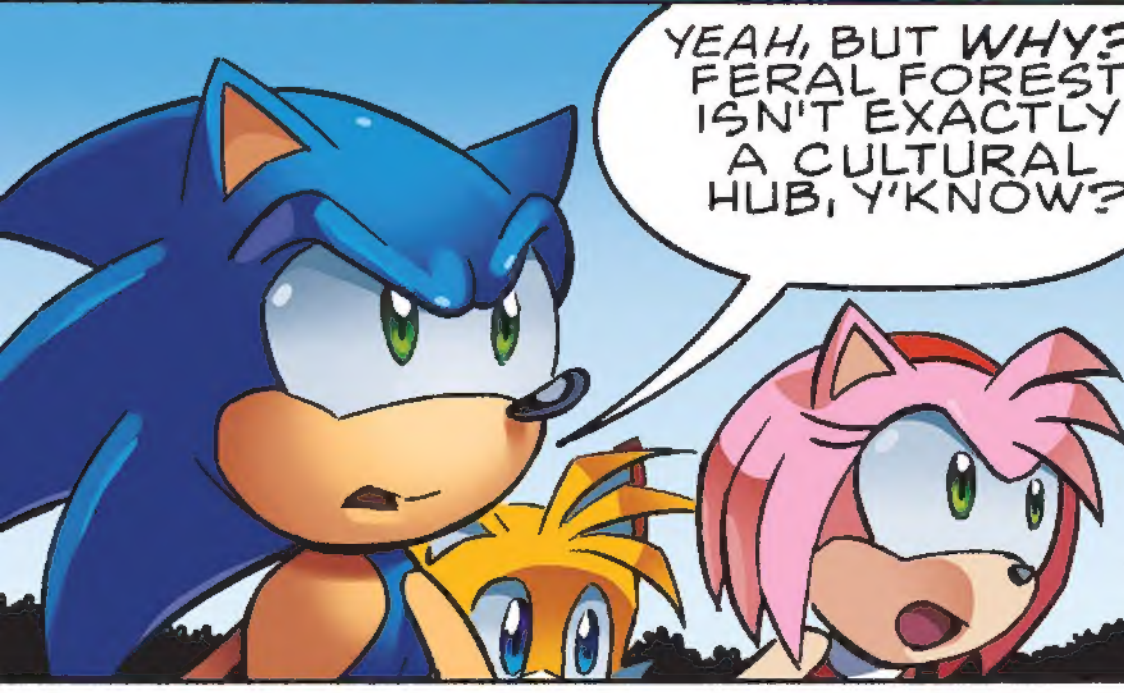




WHOMP



THERE'S MECHA SALLY!
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S COM-
MANDING THE INVASION!



YEAH, BUT WHY?
FERAL FOREST
ISN'T EXACTLY
A CULTURAL
HUB, Y'KNOW?



NO, BUT
IT'S WHERE...
OH, MY
GOSH!



WHAT?

THIS IS WHERE ELIAS AND
MEG MOVED TO! * EGG-
MAN'S GOING TO FINISH
WHAT HE STARTED AND
HAVE SALLY KILL HER
OWN BROTHER!

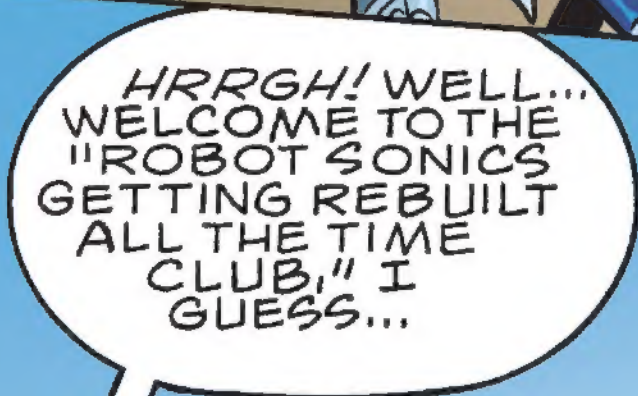
THAT'S
SICK!



NOPE,
NOT
GOING
TO LET
THAT
HAPPEN.

PIKO!

*STH# 234.



IT LOOKS LIKE THAT SONIC FELLA SHOWED UP TO FIGHT THE ROBOTS, BUT ONE'S HEADED RIGHT FOR THE HOUSE.

FINE BY ME. A BIT OF PRACTICE BEFORE I LEAVE FOR MY... ASSIGNMENT.

YES, IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE ENJOYED A GOOD ROUND OF FISTICLUFFS!

ELIAS ACORN
DEPOSED KING

I DO WISH YOU'D INCLUDE ME IN YOUR GREATER PLANS, SIRE.

I APPRECIATE THE OFFER, COLONEL, BUT I NEED TO TRAVEL LIGHT. DIRECTOR WHO HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.

THE OLD BIRD, EH? THAT TELLS ME PLENTY.

MEG, GET MARTHA AND AS MANY VILLAGERS AS YOU CAN TO THE SHELTER. I'LL... I'LL BE BACK AS SOON AS I CAN.

I... YES. WE'LL GET THEM TO SAFETY.

IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT, DEAR, I HAVE PLENTY OF EXPERIENCE LOOKING AFTER YOUNG ACORNS.

I LOVE YOU, MEG. ALL OF THIS MADNESS WILL BE WORTH IT. I PROMISE.

JUST COME BACK TO ME, ELI.

GOOD--YOU'VE GOTTEN THE "GOOD-BYES" OUT OF THE WAY. LET'S MOVE.





WHO SENT YOU?

EXACTLY. AGENT QUEEN OF DIAMONDS HERE FOR EXTRACTION.

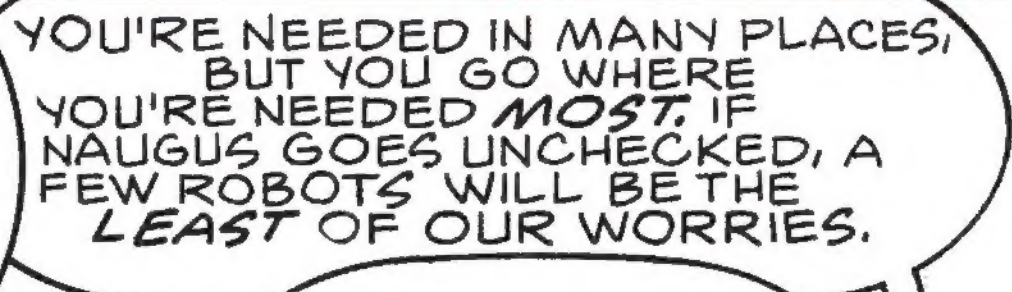


NOT NOW. I'M NEEDED HERE.

NO, YOU'RE NEEDED TO LEAD YOUR TEAM TO SAVE YOUR COUNTRY.



FERAL FOREST IS UNDER ATTACK! I'M NEEDED HERE NOW!



YOU'RE NEEDED IN MANY PLACES, BUT YOU GO WHERE YOU'RE NEEDED *MOST*. IF NAUGUS GOES UNCHECKED, A FEW ROBOTS WILL BE THE *LEAST* OF OUR WORRIES.

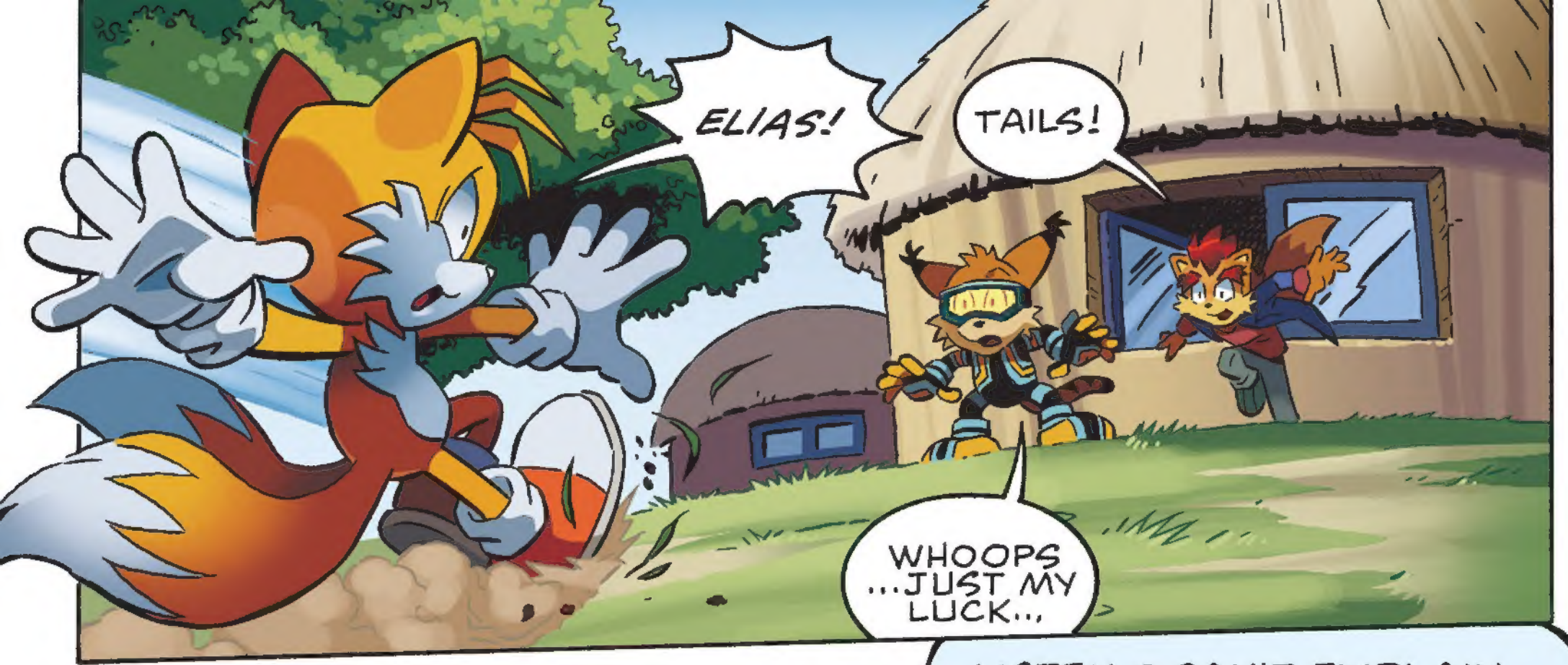


GO, SON. MARTHA AND I LIVED TO KEEP YOU SAFE. I WILL NOT LEAVE THAT POST.



LEAD THE WAY, AGENT QUEEN. COLONEL SOMMERSBY, I LEAVE IT TO YOU.

JOLLY GOOD, SIRE.



ELIAS!

TAILS!

WHOOOPS
...JUST MY
LUCK...

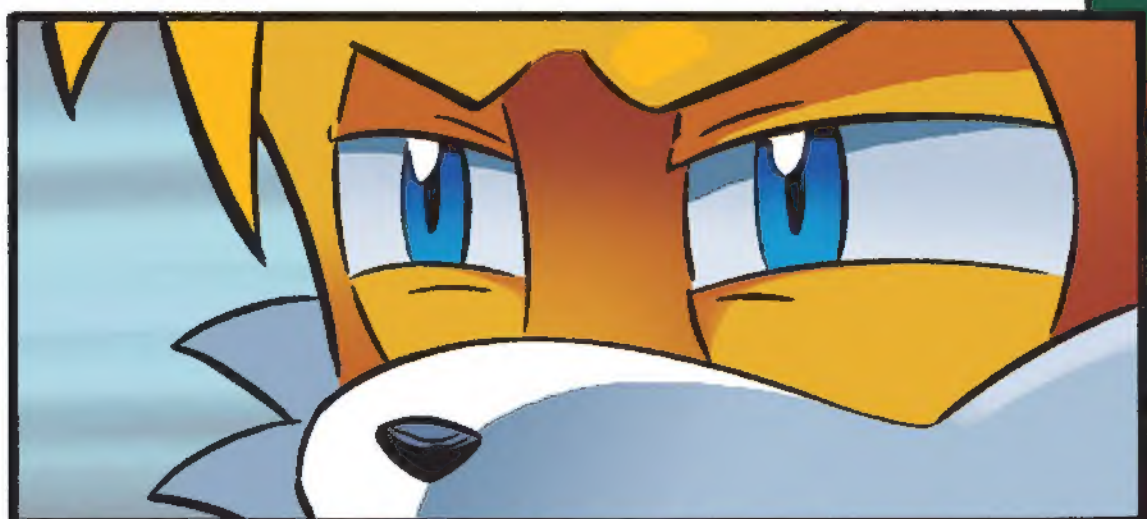


WELL,
UH,
SEE...

LARRY? LEETA?
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?
WHAT'S WITH THE
UNIFORMS?



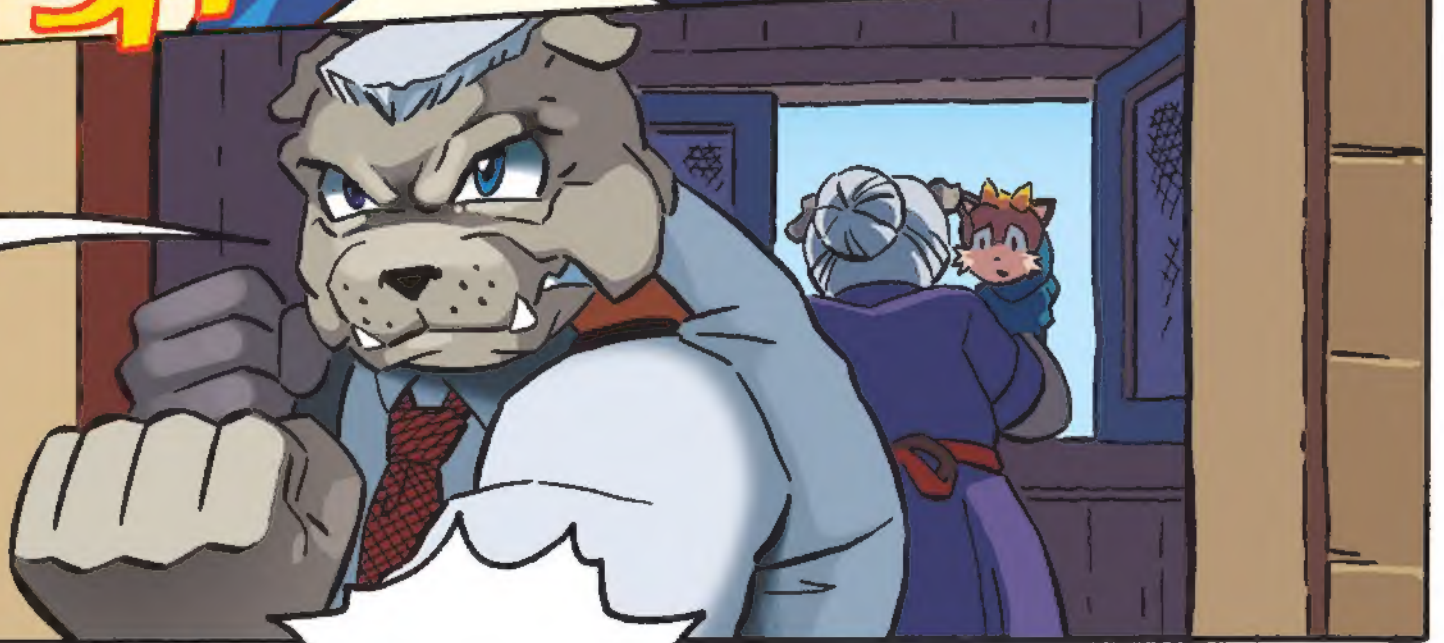
LISTEN. I CAN'T EXPLAIN
RIGHT NOW. I MIGHT *NEVER*
BE ABLE TO. BUT FOR THE
GOOD OF MY FAMILY--FOR
ALL OF NEW MOBOTROPOLIS
--YOU HAVE TO FORGET YOU
SAW US HERE.



I'LL
COVER
FOR
YOU.
GET
GOING.



MY APOLOGIES, MY PRINCESS, BUT YOU ARE NOT YOURSELF. I WILL NOT LET YOU PASS.



HAH!



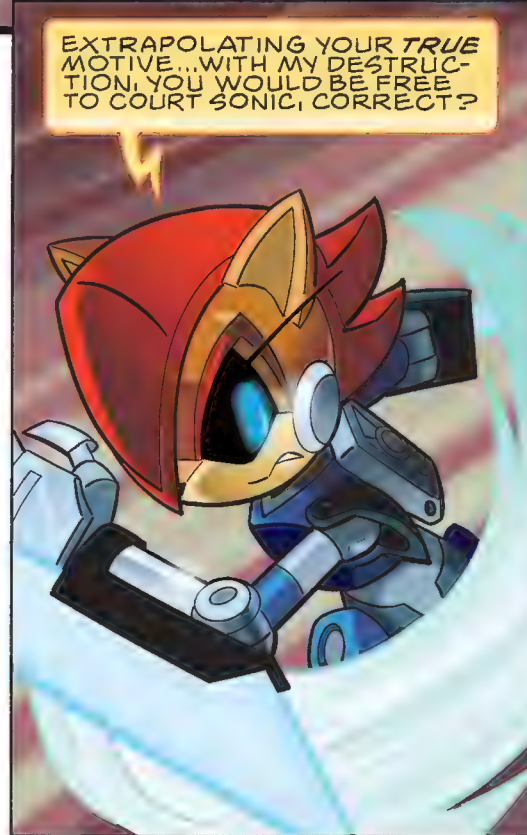
YOU'RE NOT HURTING ANYONE ELSE TODAY!



TRUST ME, YOU WANT ME TO STOP YOU! YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF OTHERWISE!



YOU ARE ASSUMING YOU WILL "RESCUE" ME. THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE.



EXTRAPOLATING YOUR *TRUE* MOTIVE...WITH MY DESTRUCTION, YOU WOULD BE FREE TO COURT SONIC, CORRECT?



HOW PETTY DO YOU THINK I AM?! I'M HERE TO HELP MY FRIEND!

WE WERE NEVER FR--
ZRK!

DON'T LISTEN TO HER! THAT'S EGGMAN'S PROGRAMMING TALKING, NOT OUR SALLY!

R-RIGHT. SHE'S JUST... SHE'S JUST MESSING WITH MY HEAD...

IT'S JUST THE THREE OF US NOW! NO MORE DISTRACTIONS!

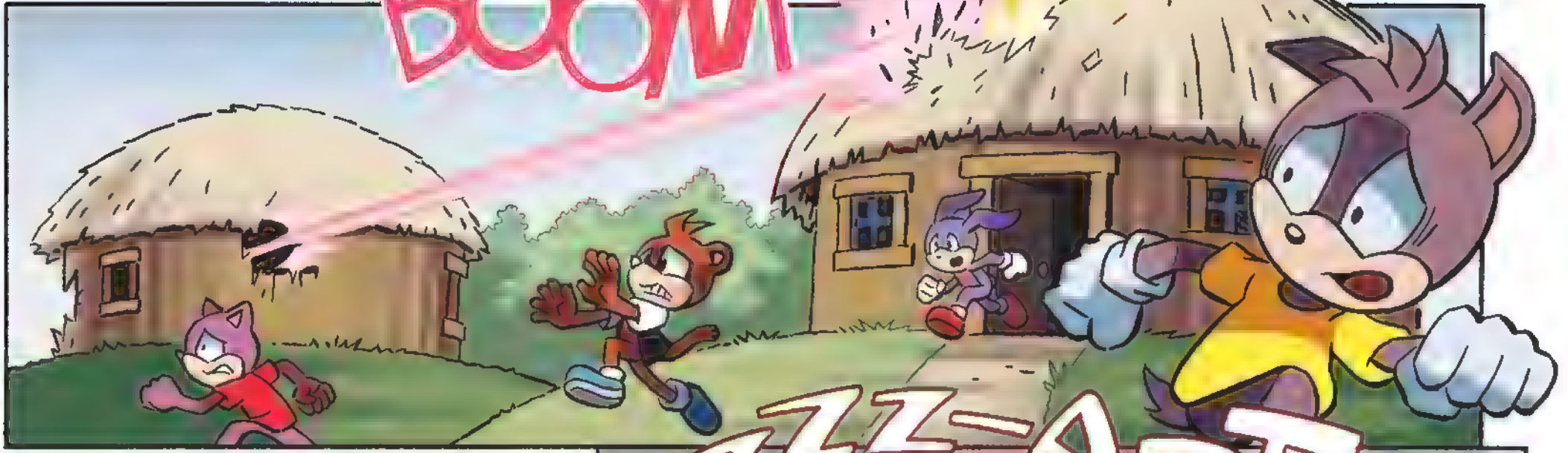
YOU'RE GETTING RESCUED WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!

YOUR WIFE AND THE ACORNS MADE IT OUT THE BACK, BUT THEY NEED YOUR HELP. WE'LL COVER YOU!

UNDERSTOOD. THANK YOU.

ZZZZ
ART!

BOOM



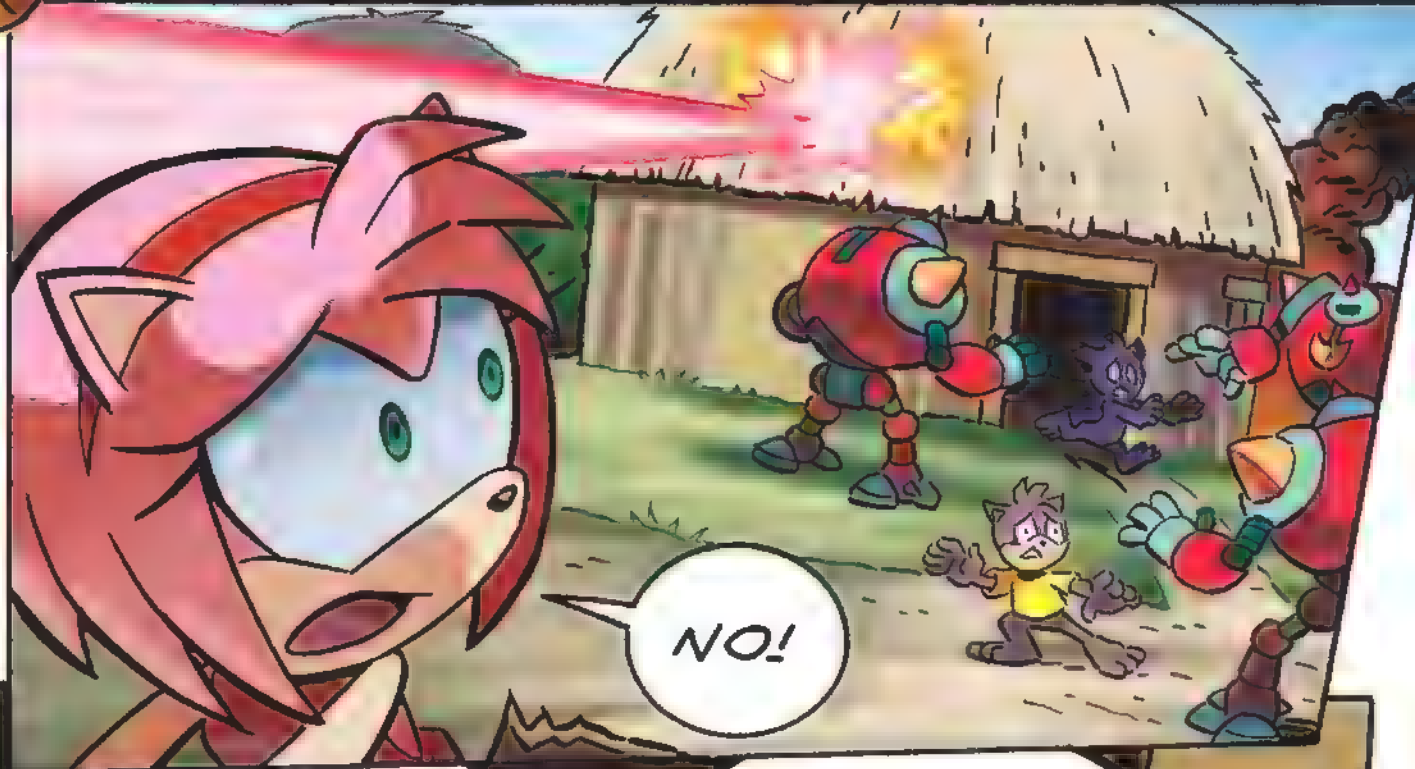
ZZZ-ART



CLANG

CORRECTION. THERE ARE NUMEROUS VILLAGERS HIDING IN THEIR FLAMMABLE HOMES. THERE ARE MANY DISTRACTIONS.

WHY, YOU--!

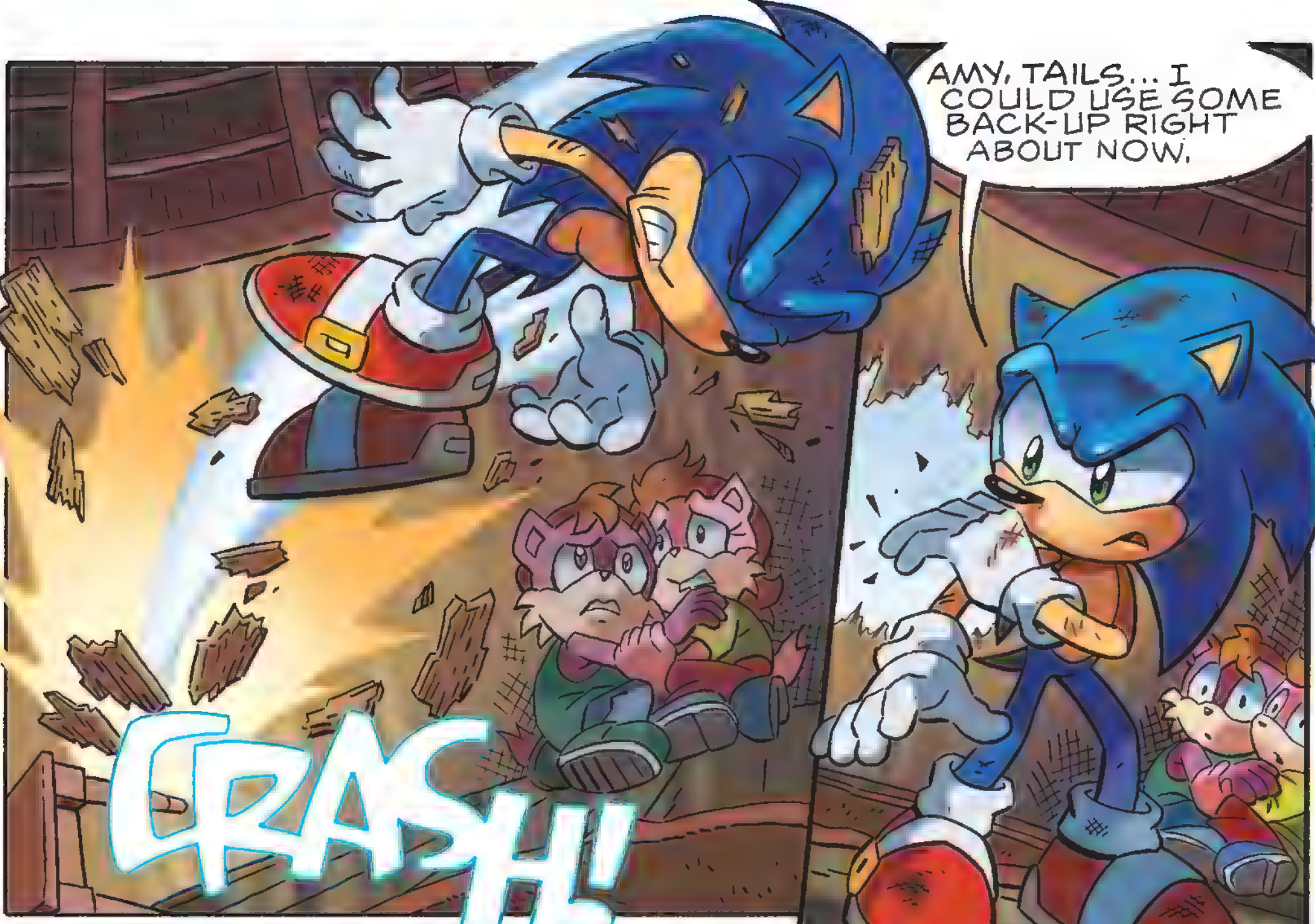


NO!

TAKE HER DOWN BEFORE SHE BURNS THE WHOLE VILLAGE!

SONIC! WE COULD USE YOUR SPEED RIGHT ABOUT NOW!





AMY, TAILS... I COULD USE SOME BACK-UP RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

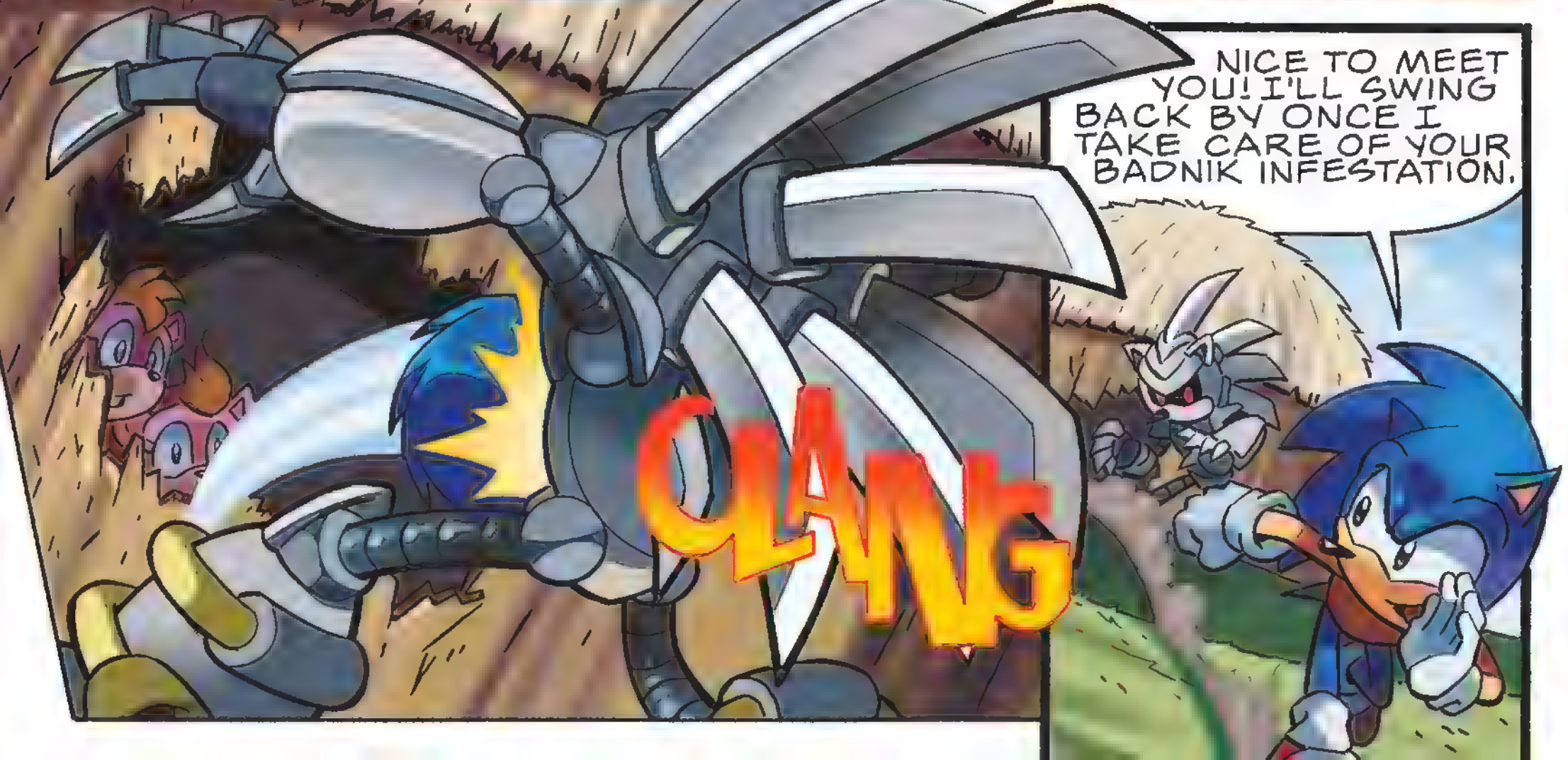
CRASH!



OH! HEY THERE! SORRY! ABOUT YOUR WALL!

TH-THAT'S ...UH... ARE YOU OKAY?

ME? SURE! I'VE GOT EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL!

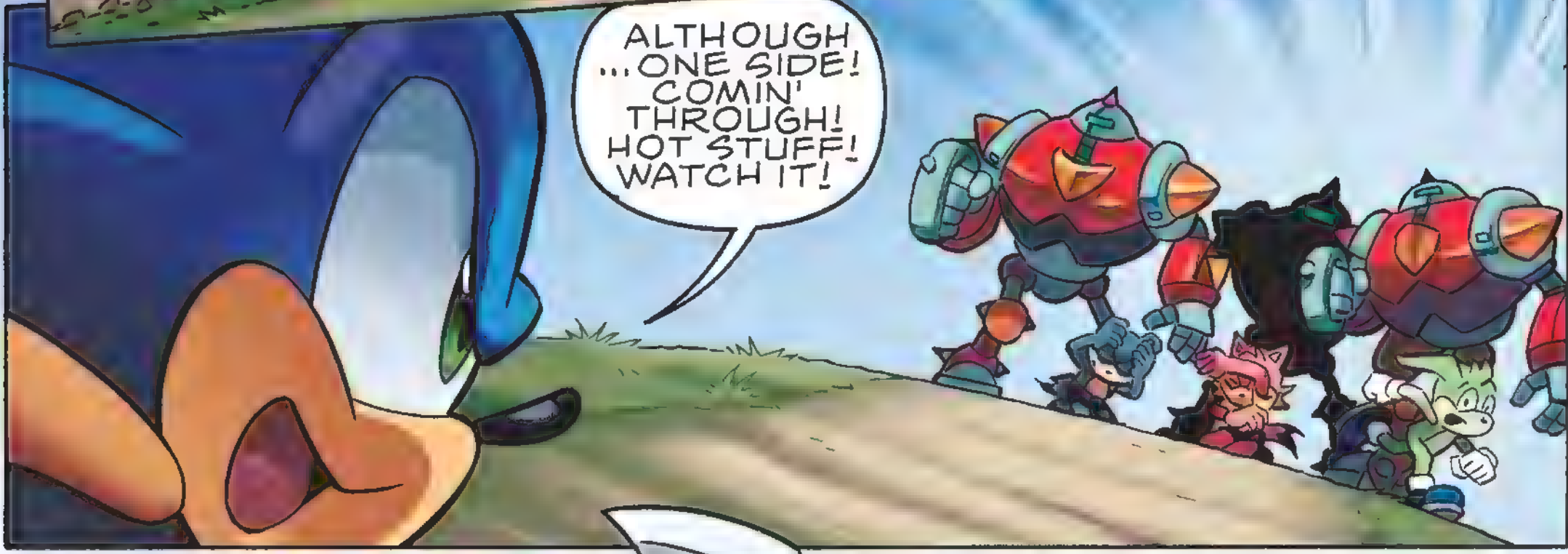


NICE TO MEET YOU! I'LL SWING BACK BY ONCE I TAKE CARE OF YOUR BADNIK INFESTATION.

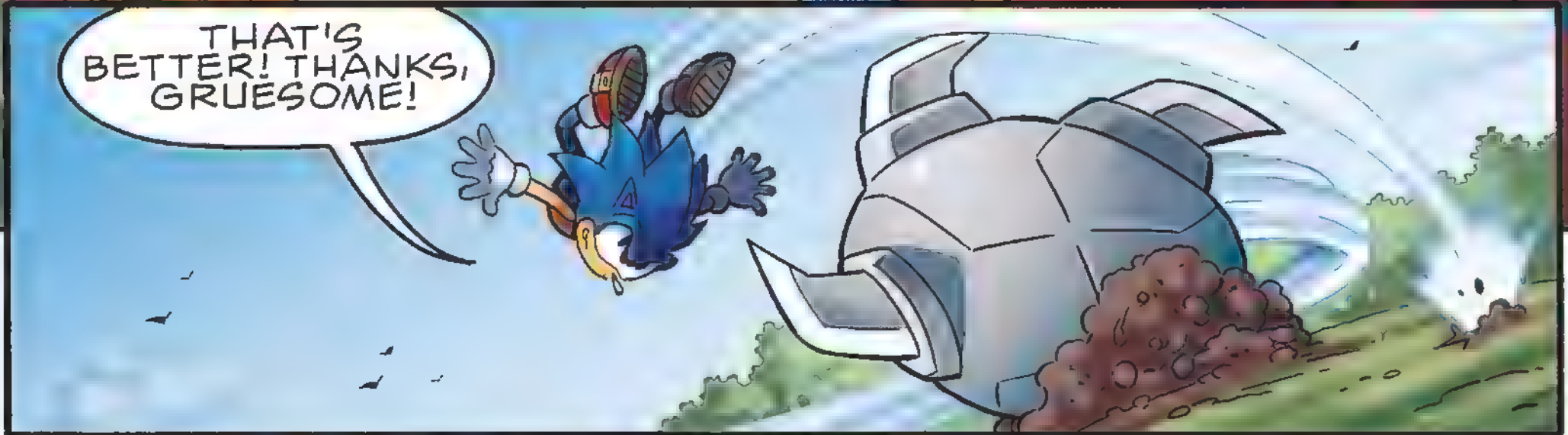
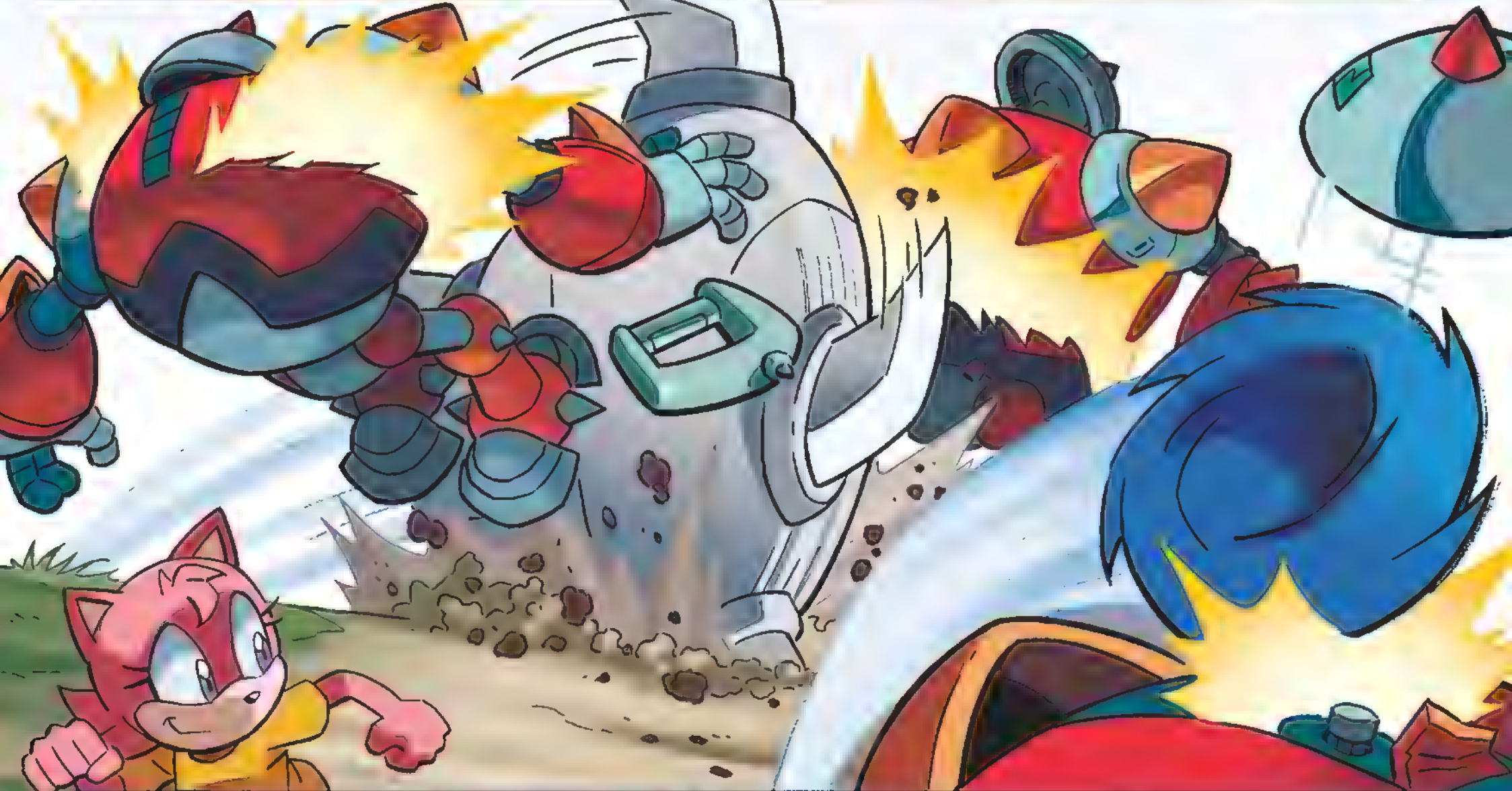
CLANG



Y'KNOW, IT'S HARD TO RESCUE VILLAGERS WITH YOU ON MY BACK!



ALTHOUGH ...ONE SIDE! COMIN' THROUGH! HOT STUFF! WATCH IT!



THAT'S BETTER! THANKS, GRUESOME!

NOW--
BACK
TO THE
PROBLEM
OF YOU.

**GRR! BARK!
BARK!**

UH...T-PUP?
THIS ONE'S OUT OF
YOUR WEIGHT
CLASS, LITTLE
DUDE!

NICE! KEEP IT
IN STASIS,
T-PUP! I'LL BE
BACK AS SOON
AS I CAN!

BARK!

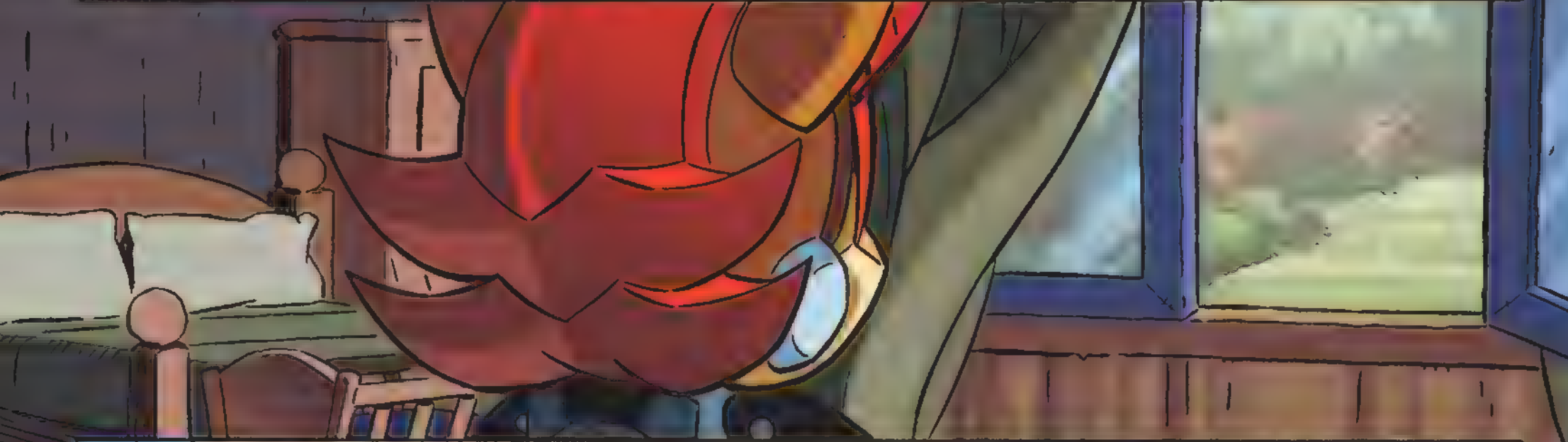
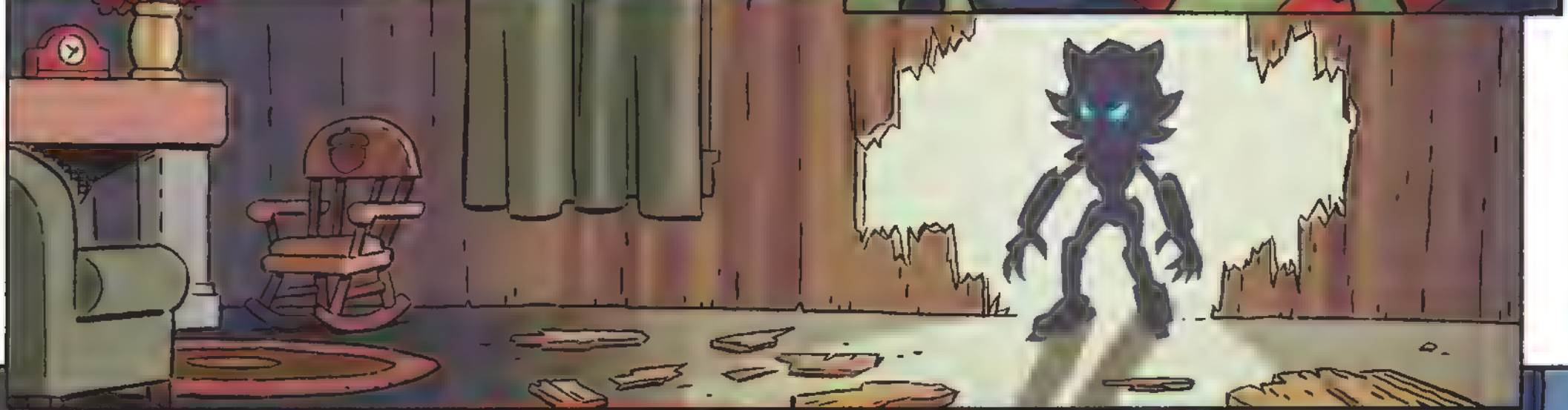
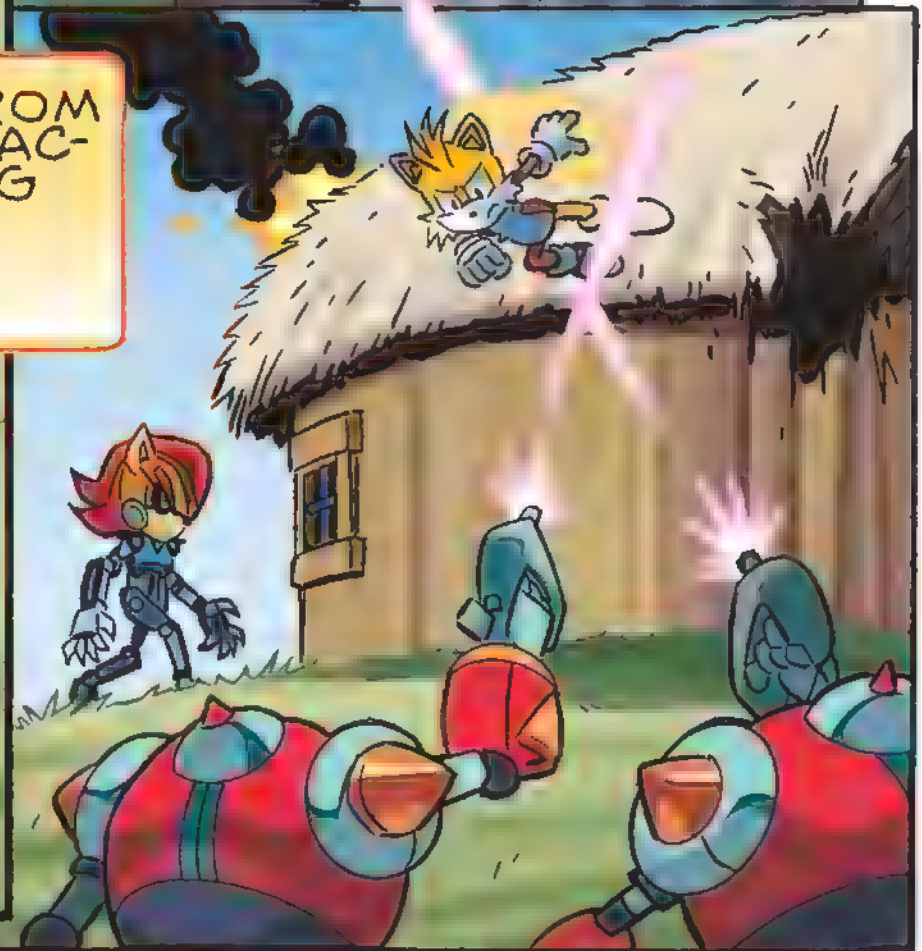


STOP BLOWING UP HOMES!

STOP DELAYING MY OBJECTIVE.



DIVERGENCE FROM TIME-TABLE UNACCEPTABLE. EGG SWATS, CONVERGE ON MY LOCATION.



TARGET LOST.



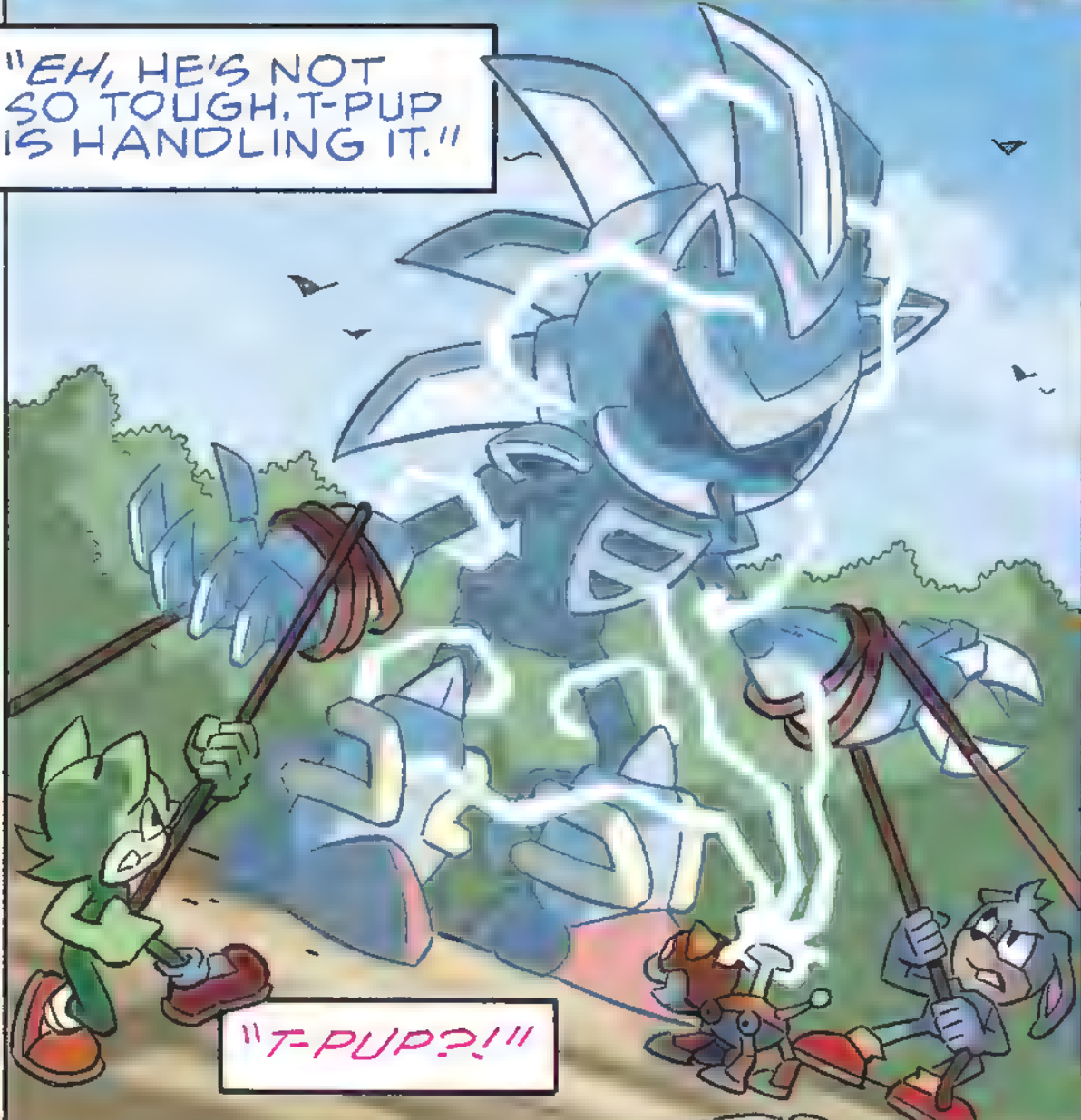
WARNING:
GROUND
FORCES
DOWN TO
TEN PER-
CENT.



MISS
ME?

IT'S ABOUT
TIME YOU
SHOWED UP! WHAT
HAPPENED TO
SILVER SONIC?

"EH, HE'S NOT
SO TOUGH. T-PUP
IS HANDLING IT."



"T-PUP?!!"

YO, TAILS!
ANY GOOD
NEWS FROM
UP THERE?

YUP! LOOKS
LIKE THE
VILLAGE
MILITIA HAS
ORGANIZED...



"... AND THEY'RE
COVERING THE
EVACUEES."

"COOL."

THAT'S IT,
FELLOWS!
GIVE THEM
WHAT FOR!



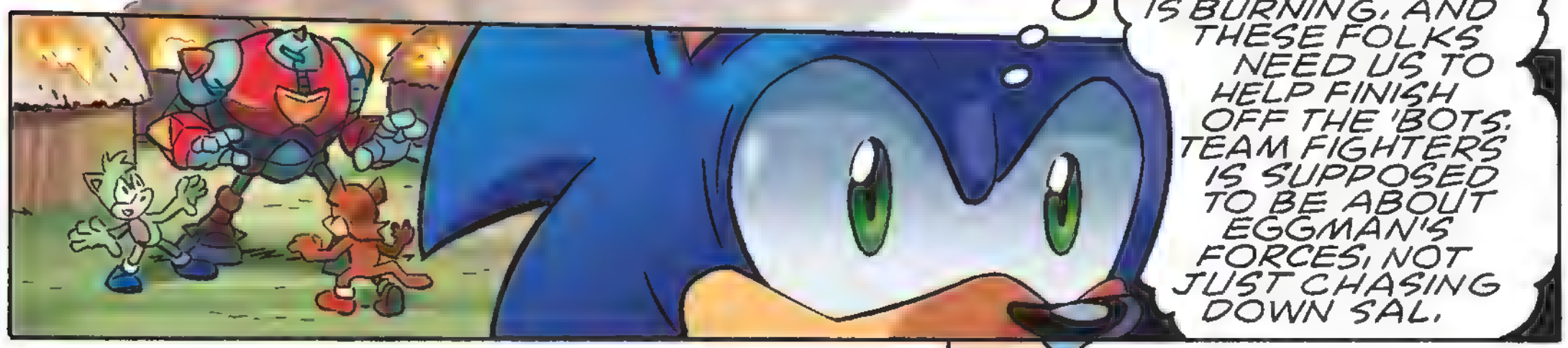


SO ALL THAT'S LEFT IS GETTING YOU TO FINALLY PLAY NICE. YOU'RE OUT-NUMBERED, SAL. QUIT WHILE YOU'RE BEHIND.

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY OBJECTIVES FAILED. RETURNING TO DEATH EGG FOR NEXT ASSIGNMENT.



NO! DANG IT! TAILS! GET THE TORNADO! WE CAN STILL--



NO-- WE CAN'T. THE VILLAGE IS BURNING, AND THESE FOLKS NEED US TO HELP FINISH OFF THE 'BOTS. TEAM FIGHTERS IS SUPPOSED TO BE ABOUT EGGMAN'S FORCES, NOT JUST CHASING DOWN SAL.



AMY! KEEP SMASHIN' SWATS! TAILS! FIND US SOME BUCKETS AND A WELL SO WE CAN PUT OUT THE FIRES!



HUH. I MIGHT BE GETTING A HANDLE ON THIS "THINK BEFORE YOU ACT" THING...

SOON...

MAN, I SHOULDN'T HAVE LET SILVER SONIC SIDE-TRACK ME FOR SO LONG. THIS PLACE IS A MESS.

IT COULD'VE BEEN MUCH WORSE, OL' CHAP. WE CAN EVEN SALVAGE THE EMPTY EGG PODS FOR MATERIALS.

HA. YEAH, AND THANK EGGMAN FOR THE NICE METAL ROOFING TILES.

ONCE WE CHECK IN ON ELIAS, WE'LL HIT THE ROAD. WELL...SKY.

I'M AFRAID THAT'S OUT OF THE QUESTION. HIS MAJESTY IS NOT SEEING ANYONE PRESENTLY.

'SCUSE ME? WE SAVE HIS TAIL-- TWICE-- AND HE CAN'T EVEN...?

SONIC! LET IT GO.

OH, NOW, YOU, TOO? YOU KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T?

SONIC, JUST... TRUST ME ON THIS. LET IT GO.

ALL RIGHT, DUDE. IF YOU SAY SO.

THANKS, SONIC.



"I'LL HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN LATER."

OH, NO...

...THAT'S WHY EGGMAN ATTACKED THE FOREST...

WITH SONIC AWAY, NEW MOBOTROPOLIS WILL BE DESTROYED!

BRACE YOURSELVES,
TEAM FREEDOM!
THIS IS WHAT WE'RE HERE FOR!

NEW MOBOTROPOLIS IS UNDER ATTACK, AND SONIC IS TOO FAR AWAY! IS TEAM FREEDOM UP TO THE TASK? AND WHAT HAS ELIAS COMMITTED HIMSELF TO? ALL THE ANSWERS AND MORE NEXT TIME!
UNTIL THEN, ENJOY SONIC UNIVERSE, SONIC SUPER SPECIAL MAGAZINE, AND THE ENTIRE SONIC GRAPHIC NOVEL LIBRARY!



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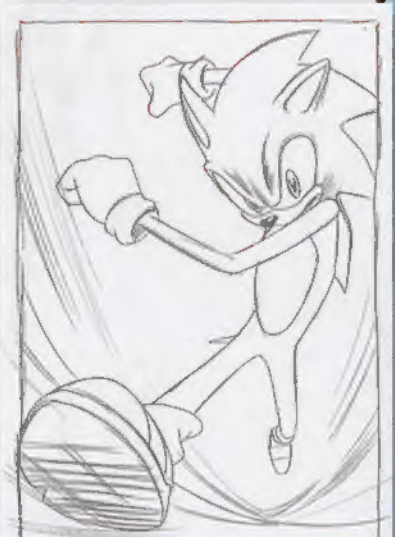
the SONIC SPIN

are ya ready for editorial commentary, kids? AYE AYE, CAPTAIN!

THE "PRELUDE" CONTINUES, AND THE "SAGA" BEGINS!

Talk about an action-packed issue - how cool was that Amy/Mecha Sally fight?! Next issue we'll see how Rotor's Team Freedom measures up!

While these public battles rage on, Harvey Who has been putting together his team of Secret Freedom Fighters, who you can already catch duking it out with Ixis Naugus and Geoffrey St. John over in Sonic Universe's "Secret Freedom" arc! For the scoop on when "Secret Freedom" takes place in relation to STH, check the handy-dandy checklist included on the Sonic Grams page!

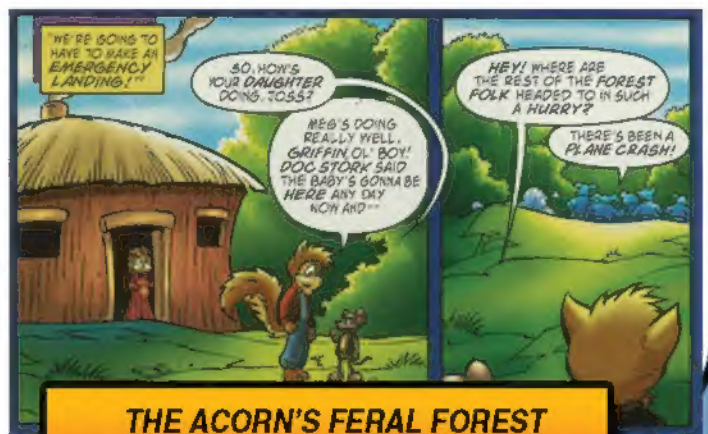


AN EARLY SKETCH FROM ARTIST GREG HORN FOR THE STH#239 COVER!

"But two books a month isn't enough Sonic awesomeness for me!" I hear you say - well we gotcha covered! This August brings the debut of the brand new graphic novel "Sonic Saga Series vol1: DARKEST STORM"! (Check that awesome cover!!)

And remember to bring it back here next month to see how Team Freedom fares against the onslaught of the DEATH EGG!

SEE YA NEXT MONTH!
- Paul



THE ACORN'S FERAL FOREST HOME AS IT APPEARED IN STH#121

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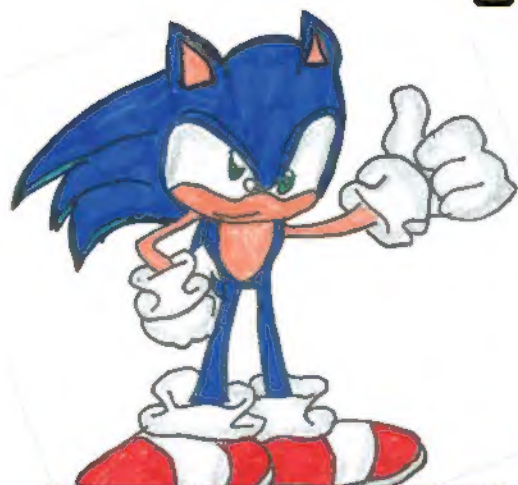


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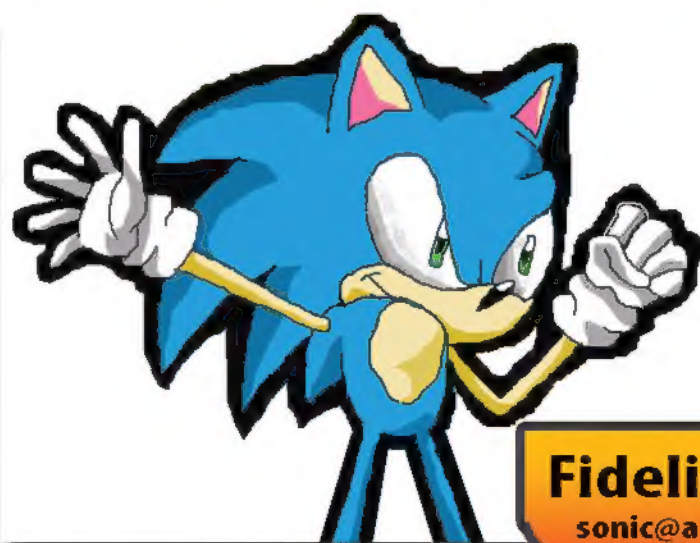
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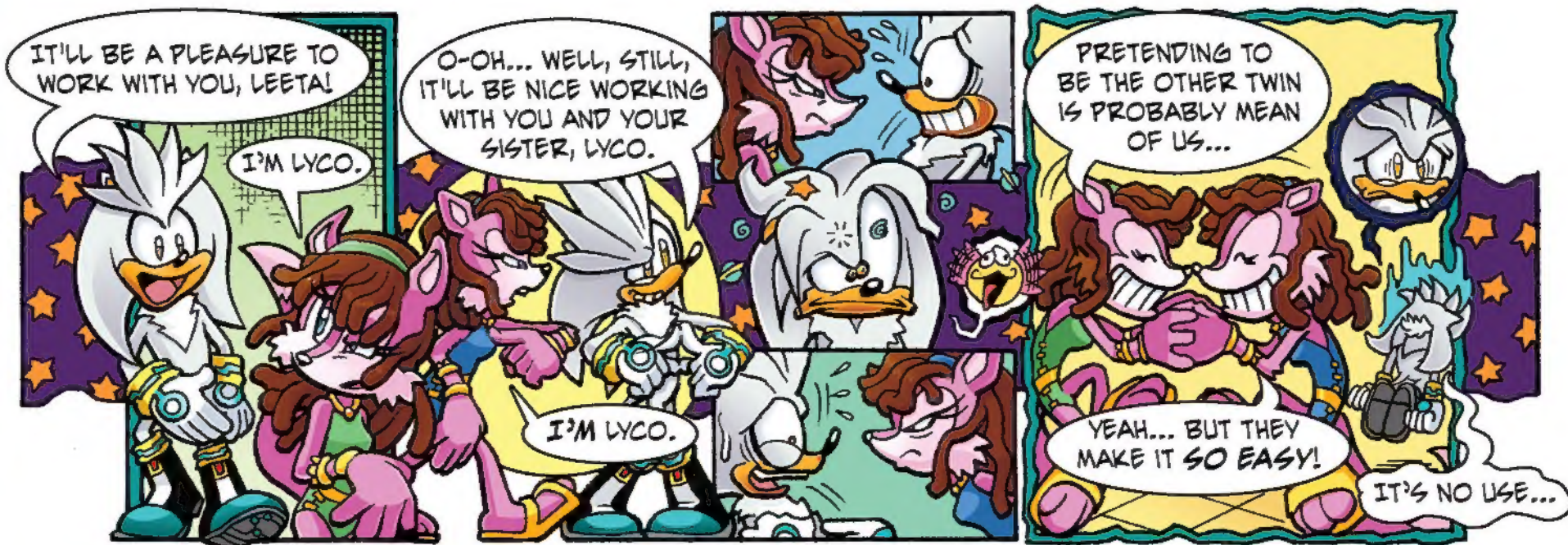
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Dear Sonic-Grams, I started late in the Sonic comics and when I saw one of your comics, I asked my mom to get it.

Woo-hoo! Special thanks to your mom for the assist!

Now I am going to ask questions about the comics.

And now I shall answer them! "The Usual," if you will!

1) Will Metal Shadow or Metal Amy be in a comic any time soon?

I wouldn't want to give anything away, but I think you'll be pleasantly surprised when the next issue of Sonic hits next month!

2) Will Metal Sonic get his own Sonic Universe arc?

We do currently have some plans in the works that may or may not involve a certain Metal Sonic in a certain Sonic Universe arc, but I better zip my lip before I give anything away! In the meantime, Metal Sonic v2 can be found going by the name "Shard" in the current Sonic Universe arc "Secret Freedom"!

3) Will Dark Super Sonic get his own Sonic Universe arc?

Cool idea! No plans for that at the moment, though.

4) Will Turbo Tails and Hyper Sonic be in the comics any time soon?

No new appearances in the works, but Turbo Tails and Hyper Sonic can be seen in Sonic Archives vol16 -- on sale now! plugplugplug

That's it for now!

From your way past cool fan,
Ryan B.
sent to sonic@archiecomics.com

P.S. I hope Metal Sonic gets his own arc.

Noted! Thanks for writing in, Ryan!

See y'all next month!

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TEAM FREEDOM VS. TEAM METAL!
NEW MOBOTROPOLIS IS UNDER ASSAULT! WILL THE CITY SURVIVE?
"HEROES PART 2"
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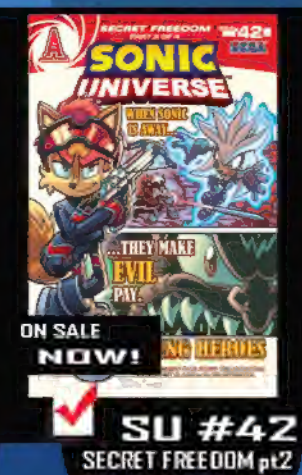
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SILVER'S & ELIAS'S SQUAD RE-UNITE!
SECRET FREEDOM
PART 3 (of 4)
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